

Wake Forest United Methodist Church
Reaching Out To All In The Name of Jesus Christ
November 23, 2008

Office: (919) 556-2239

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Acolytes	8:30 a.m.	Today Sam	November 30th Sam
	11:00 a.m.	Shannon, Zachary, Hannah	Daniel, Trent, Jack
Nursery		Need Volunteer	Need Volunteer
Kid's Kingdom	8:30 a.m.	Need Volunteer	
	11:00 a.m.	David Ballou	
Sound	8:30 a.m.	Bob Sakowski	Mike Johnson
	11:00 a.m.	Mike Johnson	Tom Dillard
Money Counters		Gwen Pughes, Alex Snotherly	Martha Loftin, Gene Dominique
Greeters	8:30 a.m.	John & Barbara Lyon	Jennifer Nyland/Mike & GwenPughes
	11:00 a.m.	Truckenbrods, Candace Coghill	The Scheper Family
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	Linda & Bill Klose, Maggie & Derek Andersen	
	11:00 a.m.	Louis Freeman, Don Lewis, Cathy & Marcus Potter	
		Balcony: Larry Magen, Alex Cosmidis, Marty Babinski	
		Louis Freeman, Mark Gustafson, Bernie Hardy	
Weekly Lawn Crew			

TODAY	
4:00 p.m.	Brass Group
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
6:00 p.m.	Programs/Youth
Monday	
9:15 a.m.	Parent's Morning Out
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
Tuesday	
9:00 a.m.	Cracked Pots
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Council on Ministry
Wednesday	
9:15 a.m.	Parent's Morning Out
7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Service

Thursday	
	Happy Thanksgiving
	Office Closed
Friday	
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6:00 a.m.	Men of Faith
9:15 a.m.	Parents Morning Out
Saturday	
10:00 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens
NEXT SUNDAY	
6:30 p.m.	Love Feast

<i>Donald Warren, Pastor</i>	<i>Barina Blackwelder, Children & Youth Music Director</i>
<i>Helen Champion, Minister of Christian Education</i>	<i>Elsie Shuler, Music Director</i>
<i>Zack Moser, Youth Director</i>	<i>Allen Bailey, Organist</i>
<i>Sharon Southard, Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Nicole Bassett, Salena Handley, Kamila Rogers, Nursery</i>

Weekly Contributions as of 11/16/08	
Operating	\$ 9,146.57
Building	\$ 2,435.00
Designated	\$ 396.00
Total	\$ 11,977.57

General Fund YTD	
Collected	\$420,473.36
Needed	\$441,594.02
Difference	\$(21,120.66)
Percent +/-	-4.78

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 381; Sunday School: 194

Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God* Cruger

Welcome and Announcements

***Introit** *Give Thanks*
 Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son And now let the let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son And now let the let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

***Greeting** Psalm 138:1-3

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.
People: **I bow down and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness.**
Leader: Your name is exalted and your word is above everything.
People: **On the day I called, you answered me and strengthened my life.**

***Hymn of Praise** *Maker, in Whom We Live* 88

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Music Laura McCusker, solo

Prayer

***Hymn** *Now Thank We All Our God* 102
 Children's Church – A children's worship service for ages 4 years – 1st grade. The children will be escorted to the Chapel by an adult in the above hymn. The children can be picked up after Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Offering Ourselves (our time, talents, tithes/gifts and service)

Offering in Music *How Great Thou Art* O'Quin

***Community Response** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* 95

***Prayer of Devotion and Dedication**

Acolyte Recognition (see insert)

Community Prayer, Concerns and Joys

Call to Prayer

Seek Ye First

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all the things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia. Ask and it shall be given unto; seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto. Allelu, alleluia.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Call On Me

Allen

Youth Choir, Soloists: Samantha Black & Addie Cleverley

Scripture

Luke 17:11-19

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsively)

Let us give thanks to God for all gifts freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of creations in earth, sea and sky,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in our lives revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For all of our daily food, our homes and families and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For those who are brave in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all seekers after truth, justice, and peace,

We thank you Lord.

Above all, we give thanks for the great promises that we find in Jesus Christ.

To God be the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Dedication

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Dismissal with Blessing

*Choral Response

Lord, Be Glorified

In our lives, Lord, be glorified, be glorified. In our lives, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified, In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*Postlude

Sleepers, Wake, a Voice is Calling

Mendelssohn

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors: *Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! If you would like to receive more information about our church, please feel free to stop by our display stand in the Narthex for copies of our current newsletter, Sunday School and nursery information, as well as monthly devotional material. You may also contact Kathy Galde, Evangelism Chair, at 562-3318 or kgalde@aol.com.*

Keep in Prayer: Our Nation, the leaders, our service men & women; Estelle Hill; Elaine Barbee; Willard Bailey; Howard & Pauline Mosier; Maddison Sargent; Ben Beasley, *Beth Dickerson's brother*; Alexander Massey, *Elizabeth Tippetts's father*; Karen Estes; Edward Kantner, *Cheri Gallagher's father*; Bones Jones; Joe & Alice Annadale, *Helen Champion's parents*; Irene Crews, *Edna Powers' sister-in-law*; Tom Baker; Gene & Bonnie Woltman, *Laura Gustafson's parents*; Herb Klose, *Bill Klose's father*; Ted Jones, *Marilyn Steigler's father*; Laura Steigler, *Ken Steigler's mother*; Jennifer Rupert, *Sharon O'Kelley's daughter*; The Leonard Family.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the many blessings we have received though out the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Thanksgiving Service - Wednesday, November 26th - Wake Forest Baptist Church

Love Feast - Sunday, November 30th (6:30 p.m.)

Children's Christmas Cantata - Sunday, December 7th (11:00 a.m.)

Everyone is invited to come help decorate the sanctuary Saturday, November 29th at 10:00 AM. Please come for a time of great fellowship. If you have any questions please contact Bob Sakowski at 569-9930 or sakowski@nc.rr.com.

There are still tickets available for "**Christmas in Dixie**" on December 6th. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Barbara Holland at 426-3599.

Christmas Gift Shop Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. sponsored by Children's Council and Youth group. The youth are collecting inexpensive items to sell in the Christmas gift shop. We will have a gift shop for children and shop for their family and friends. Please drop items off in Helen's office by December 7th. Come & celebrate the season with your church family.

A donation was given to the Building fund in honor of Macon Becton's 93rd birthday by Leonard & Laura Kilian.

The poster to sign up for flowers for next year is in the narthex. It will be in the narthex through the end of December. Please sign up now for your special date.

ADVENT STUDY

MIRACLE

*WHEN CHRIST TOUCHES
OUR DEEPEST NEED*

EVENINGS – 7:00 p.m.
Mondays - December 1, 8, 15

OR

MORNINGS – 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays - December 4, 11, 18

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Hand In Hand Angel Tree

There are many children in need of your help at Christmas this year. Please stop by the Angel Tree and select at least one name. Each Angel has the child's name, age, sex and either their clothing size or a toy/gift idea. For those who prefer to provide food, there is a present on the tree for each family represented with the number in each family. You may select one of these and purchase a grocery store gift certificate.

We have a poster board located near the tree with all the Angel numbers and letters (example 23 C). Please note the number written on the Angel you selected and write your name and telephone number next to the corresponding number on the poster board.

Please return the Angel with *your wrapped gift to the church by December 14th*. If you purchase a grocery store gift certificate, please return the tag from the tree with your gift certificate. A basket will be labeled for these gift certificates.

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AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES

First Year of Service

Virginia Gayle Felton
Hannah Escala
Emily Haston
Joseph Haston
Daniel Magen

Second Year of Service

Jack Fletcher
Taylor Roberts
Emily Smith
Emily Stephens

Third Year of Service

Casey Burroughs
Caitlin Collins
Meghan Dempsey
John Alan Felton
Zachary Harris
Trent Radding

Fourth Year of Service

Sam Wandrack
Nicholas Fritts

Fifth Year of Service

Rebekah Escala
Shannon Stephens

**ACOLYTE
RECOGNITION SERVICE**



Acolytes

November 23, 2008

**Wake Forest United Methodist Church
905 South Main Street
Wake Forest, North Carolina**

Recognition Service for Acolytes and Parents

To the Members of the Congregation:

Those who stand here as acolytes are acquainted with the purpose of a chancel ministry, which is not for show, but to make the service orderly, more meaningful, and worshipful. We present these individuals in their chancel ministry as acolytes.

To the Acolytes:

This is a sacred moment full of deep meaning for your lives and this church. In the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, we ask you these questions:

Will you dedicate yourself to your acolyte duties as a labor of love for Jesus Christ and his Church?

“I will.”

Will you prayerfully remind yourselves that sharing in the leadership of public worship requires you to live a consistent Christian life as faithful children of God, that you sincerely strive to be pure and upright in thought, word, and action, and so prove yourselves his disciples in truth and deed?

“I will, with the help of God.”

Acolytes Prayer (in unison):

Lord Jesus, the light of the world, we thank you that we may be of service to you in this house of worship. Help us to fulfill our duties with reverence. Help us to know better your love as we approach the altar and light the candles. Open and enlighten our minds that, as we learn your truths, we may better understand your will and more devoutly serve your church. Amen.

To the Parents of the Acolytes:

Your daughters and sons have been selected to carry out certain important responsibilities in the service of worship within this church. The word “acolyte” comes from a Greek word meaning follower, attendant, one who serves or assists the clergy in worship. As in the days of Samuel, service in the sanctuary is an honor and privilege, and it is in this light that we place these girls and boys who are serving. Your assistance and cooperation represents your dedication of parental responsibilities to the church and to the services of worship. These may well be the most important years of your daughter’s or son’s lives as they prepare for adulthood and their service in the world.

You have heard your child answer the questions concerning the seriousness of this purpose in assuming acolyte duties and their promise to live a consistent Christian life as faithful children of God. Their answers to these questions must also be your answers for your children look to you for strength and guidance in fulfilling these promises. We, therefore, consecrate you parents of these acolytes, and we ask that you give encouragement and parental blessing to these important religious responsibilities.